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Encouraging the Government of Iran to grant consular access by the Government of Switzerland to Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd, and to allow the 3 young people to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Encouraging the Government of Iran to grant consular access by the Government of Switzerland to Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd, and to allow the 3 young people to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible.

Whereas, on July 31, 2009, officials of the Government of Iran took 3 United States citizens, Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd, into custody near the Ahmed Awa region of northern Iraq, after the 3 United States citizens reportedly crossed into the territory of Iran while hiking in Iraq;

Whereas officials of the Government of Iran have confirmed  
that they are holding the 3 United States citizens; and

Whereas officials of the Government of Iran have not allowed  
consular access by the Embassy of the Government of  
Switzerland (in its formal capacity as the representative  
of the interests of the United States in Iran) to the 3  
young United States citizens in accordance with the Vi-  
enna Convention on Consular Relations, done at Vienna  
April 24, 1963: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3           (1) encourages the Government of Iran to grant  
4       consular access by the Government of Switzerland to  
5       Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd,  
6       and to allow the 3 young people to communicate by  
7       telephone with their families in the United States;  
8       and

9           (2) encourages the Government of Iran to allow  
10       Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to  
11       reunite with their families in the United States as  
12       soon as possible.

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